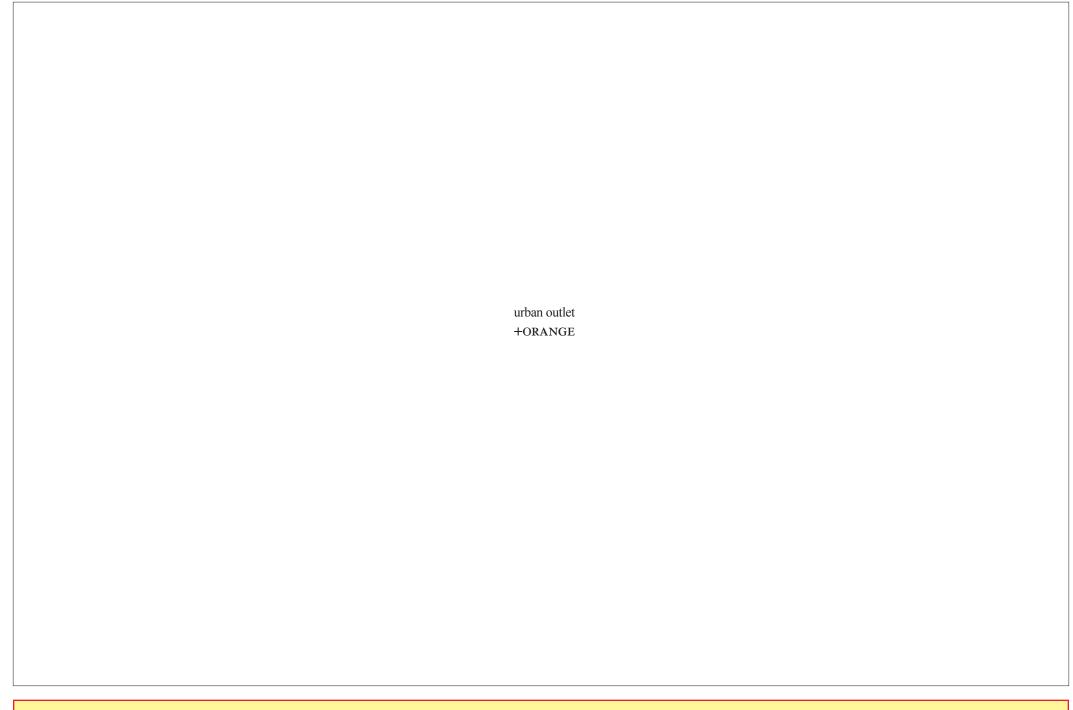
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WEATHER FORECAST

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Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends from 6N130E through a tropical disturbance near 8N145E and finally to near 5N160E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms associated with the disturbance are found in the Mariana islands as well as between Yap and Chuuk or between 4N and 16N from 139E to 153E. Just east of the monsoon trough, a surface trough of low pressure continues to near the equator at 168E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are developing north and east of the trough or within 100 miles either side of a line from 9N160E to the equator at 173E, including Kosrae. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across portions of the Marshall islands, between 4N and 16N from 170E to 180.



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KOSRAE

Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Winds: Southeast at 10 kt.



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| | London, England | Cloudy | 56F (13C) | 45F (7C) |
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Island Snapshots



Gov. Juan N. Babauta receives a check worth \$25,000 from Joseph Hartman, president of SotfSky, which is the company that mints commemorative coins that uses the CNMI's names and seal. The check payment represents royalties made from the sale of the coins.





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High Priest Kansho Kayaki leads SANPOEN cultural exchange students and Mayor Juan B.

Tudela in prayer prior to releasing the lanterns

unto the water.

TRIBUTED PHOTO Patrick Guerrero of the CNMI Water Task Forces stresses a point. CO

Members of the Youth Center of Music and the Performing Arts busy themselves cleaning cars, including these two police squad vehicles during Shell's "Suds for Funds" event held last July 24 at the Shell Puerto Rico station. The kids raised over \$400 to be used for YCMPA's various activities.



David Hodges of the CNMI Division of Environmental Quality uses a projector to point out Federal and CNM regulations.

A member of the International Students Association of Japan Cultural Exchange Program tries out the Lt. Gov. Diego T. Benavente's chair at the Governor's Office Tuesday.



The CNMI canoe crew make landfall in Palau where they will participate in the Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture.

Four of the eight Liberation Queens-Lady Myla Grace Capilitan, Lady Sheyvonne Judy Aldan, Leiana K. Ogumoro, and Lady Sarah T. Igisaiartake a minute to smile for the camera just before their dance performance during Street Market Thursday night.

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Life & Style

MOVIE REVIEW

Alien vs. Predator: Like crack cocaine for nerds

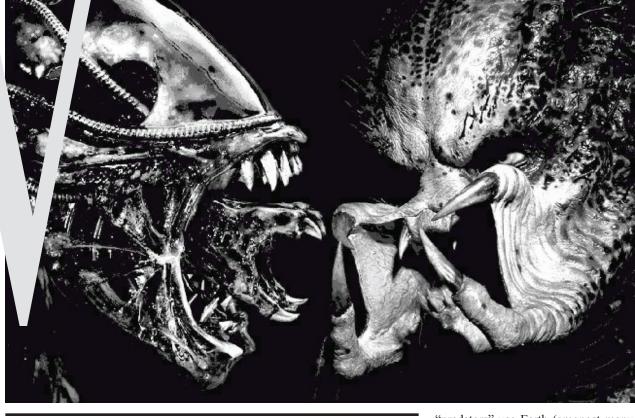
What is the deal with the rain on Saipan? It's a sunny afternoon, and I'm riding my bike, on my way to see Alien vs. Predator. Fifty feet away from me, in all directions, it's bone dry. But directly over me is a tiny cloud that's dumping Tingting-like rain on me. And it just so happens to be Friday, the 13th. I should've recognized the omen.

Alien vs. Predator has some mighty big shoes to fill. The original Alien (1979), directed by Ridley Scott (Blade Runner, Gladiator), is more than just a classic. It was so good, and so original that it spawned a whole new genre of film—sci-fi horror. General consensus has it that the sequel, Aliens, is just as good, if not better. Most people disliked Alien 3 and Alien: Resurrection, but geeks think they're great.

Predator (1987), starring two eventual governors (Schwarzenegger and Jesse Ventura), wasn't so much a sci-fi as it was a Rambo-esque action flick, and a darn good one at that. Also a classic. In the mediocre follow up, Predator 2, some set-designer included an "alien" skull in the "predators" trophy case. Out of that was born the idea for a very popular and profitable comic book series, Alien vs. Predator.

I've never read comic books, but I'm a huge fan of both the Alien and Predator franchises. So, on this particular Friday the 13th, I didn't care that I was getting dumped on, or that I'd soon be cold and wet in the infamously frigid Hollywood Theater. I was on my way to see the most awesome sequel ever. Bastai!

As high as my hopes were, though, somehow I knew it would blow chunks. And I was right. Alien vs. Predator is one of the worst sci-fi movies I've ever seen. Considering how many bad sci-



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By JOE WEINDL Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Here's the premise of Alien vs. Predsome reason, I feel compelled to watch ator—the giant, Rastafari-Klingon

"predators" use Earth (amongst many other places) as their staging ground for the rite of passage that makes a young "predator" a full-grown warrior. They hunt and kill as many "aliens" as they can. Humans serve as little more than incubators for the "aliens" that the "predators" plan to eventually kill.

This is all discovered when super gazillionaire Charles Bishop Weyland (Lance Henriksen, who also played the android "Bishop" in Aliens, and Alien 3) hires a team of riffraff to explore an ancient pyramid discovered 2,000 feet beneath the ice of Antarctica. Turns out this pyramid was built by the "predators" thousands of years ago, and was the starting point for all civilizations on Earth. Erich Von Daniken would be proud. Archaeologists, meanwhile, grumble in their seats.

As soon as the "archaeological" team arrives at the pyramid, a giant orgy of human-alien-predator death erupts. Of course it does. That's the only reason anybody came to see this stupid movie. Too bad 20th Century Fox left such a popular franchise in the hands of such an unaccomplished director/screenwriter.

Writer/director Paul Anderson (Mortal Kombat, Event Horizon, Soldier, Resident Evil-wow, what an impressive resume) didn't do so terrible as a director, but his screenplay for Alien vs. Predator is horrendous. Every character is one-dimensional, the plot is brainless and contrived, and the "twist" at the end of the movie will surely anger all the nerds across the world.

The acting isn't halfbad. Sanaa Lathan is scrumptious, and she does an okay job as our heroine, Alexa Woods. But I miss Sigourney Weaver. The music, by Harald Kloser (The Day After Tomorrow) is good, but not spectacular. And, for a movie that depends so heavily on special effects, they're not so great.

I guarantee many people who've read this scathing review are going to watch the movie anyway. You're compelled to. I understand. Welcome to Geekville. I can also guarantee that you'll be just as angry as I am, after viewing such an abomination as Alien vs. Predator. Nerds of the world, we must unite to stop Hollywood from ruining any more of our favorite franchises. What's next? Matrix vs. Lord of the Rings?

Comments? joewatchesmovies@yah

TV cooking show icon Julia Child dies

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Julia Child, whose chirping words of encouragement and unpretentious style brought French cuisine to American homes through her television series and books, died Friday. She was 91

A 6-foot-2 American folk hero, "The French Chef" was known to her public as Julia. She showed a delight not only in preparing good food but in sharing it, and ended her landmark public television lessons at a set table with the wish, "Bon appetit."

Child died at her home in an assisted-living center in Montecito, about 90 miles northwest of Los Angeles, said her niece, Philadelphia Cousins.

"She passed away in her sleep," Cousins said. "She was with family and friends and her kitten, Minou. She had cookbooks and many paintings by her husband Paul around the house."

Child, who died two days before her 92nd birthday, had been suffering from kidney failure, Cousins said.

"America has lost a true national treasure," Nicholas Latimer, director of publicity for Child's publisher, Alfred A. Knopf, said in a statement. "She will be missed terribly."

Child was a skillful—and somemessy—chef, beckoning everyone to have no fear and give replacement surgery. exquisite cuisine a try.

"Dining with one's friends and beloved family is certainly one of life's primal and most innocent delights, one that is both soul-satisfying and eternal,"

she said in the introduction to her seventh book, "The Way to Cook." "In spite of food fads, fitness programs, and health concerns, we must never lose sight of a beautifully conceived meal."

Her gourmet philosophy also included drinking. In one TV program, chef and friend Jacques Pepin asked what kind of wine she preferred with picnics-

red or white. "I like beer," Child said enthusiastically, pulling out a cold bottle and two glasses.

Pepin recalled a friendship that began in 1960.

"We'd go to the market, and she'd buy Wonder Bread," he told The Associated Press. "She had no snobbism about food whatsoever. She loved iceberg lettuce."

Child also expressed a fondness for hamburgers, which she ate while recovering from 2002 knee-

Like the rest of us, she sometimes dropped things or had trouble getting a cake out of its mold.

"She just kind of opened the doors ... to the idea that cooking could be a plea-

sure and it wasn't drudgery in the kitchen," said Alice Waters, executive chef and owner of Chez Panisse, the celebrated Berkeley, Calif., restaurant. "It wasn't just for fancy French chefs."

In an A-line skirt and blouse, and an apron with a dish towel tucked into

the waist, Child grew familiar enough to be parodied by Dan Aykroyd on NBC's "Saturday Night Live" and was the subject of Jean Stapleton's musical revue, "Bon Appetit." She also was on the cover of Time magazine in 1966.

Decades of popularity prompted President Bush last year to give her a Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor. Her custom-designed kitchen—including small utensils, personal cookbooks and six-burner Garland commercial range—has been on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

Sources: Jackson to attend next hearing

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP)-Michael Jackson has decided to come to court Monday to hear the testimony of the man prosecuting him on child molestation charges, according to sources.

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Tom Sneddon will be testifying in an unusual pretrial proceeding.

Reliable sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press Thursday that Jackson will be on hand for the session. Also expected to attend are his parents, sisters Janet and LaToya and brother Jermaine.

Michael Jackson is not required to attend but made a last-minute decision to appear, a source said.

It was not immediately known whether he will be on hand for the balance of hearings that are supposed to last through the week.

Parties in the case are under a strict gag order which prevents them from commenting.

Sneddon was subpoenaed by Jackson's defense to testify about surveillance he personally conducted at the office of a private investigator who was working for Jackson's former attorney, Mark Geragos.

The investigator, Bradley Miller, was not in his Beverly Hills office when Sneddon went there and took photographs of the building and its roster of occupants.

Santa Barbara County sheriff's officials already have testified that they searched Miller's office, using a sledge hammer to break in and seize videotapes and files related to the Jackson case.

The officials, who had a warrant for the search, have maintained that they did not know Miller was employed by Geragos.

Jackson's current lawyer, Thomas Mesereau Jr., maintains that the sheriff's department and Sneddon violated the attorney-client privilege of confidentiality by invading Miller's office. Mesereau contends that everything seized from the office should be suppressed and not allowed in evidence at Jackson's trial.

Jackson is charged with committing a lewd act upon a child, administering an intoxicating agent and conspiring to commit child abduction, false imprisonment and extortion. He has pleaded not guilty and is free on \$3 million bail.





Las Vegas illusionist Roy Horn of "Siegfried & Roy" arrives at a hotel in Feldafing, Germany, near Munich, on Aug. 22, 2002.

Roy Horn evaluated at spinal hospital

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP)— Nearly a year after being mauled by a tiger, illusionist Roy Horn of "Siegfried & Roy" was evaluated at a hospital that specializes in spinal cord and traumatic brain injury rehabilitation.

Dave Kirvin, a spokesman for Horn, declined to comment on how long Horn was expected to stay or what treatment he was receiving. Horn arrived at Craig Hospital earlier this week and was being evaluated Thursday.

Hom was able to walk again in March, five months after being mauled by a 300-pound white tiger in Las Vegas. The tiger attacked him during a sold-out performance at The Mirage hotel-casino.

Horn's partner, German-born magician Siegfried Fischbacher, has downplayed Horn's injuries, describing the illusionist's wound as "a little punch hole" on the left side of his neck.

Fischbacher has said a stroke Horn suffered afterward resulted from blood pressure medication that sometimes made him feel faint.

Snoop Dogg served lawsuit after 7 years

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Music promoter Patricia Ann Richardson filed a \$1 million lawsuit against rapper Snoop Dogg nearly seven years ago claiming he tricked her into picking up three packages at a motel filled with marijuana, but the rapper was just served with papers.

Richardson's attorney Joseph Kaestner was unable to deliver the papers to the rapper, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, because he appears infrequently in Virginia.

The attorney arranged for a major in the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Department to serve the lawsuit on Snoop when he appeared for a concert Wednesday. The rapper has 20 days to file a formal response to the allegations.

Richardson was not arrested, but claims she was searched, handcuffed and questioned at a Petersburg police station, according to the suit.

Oprah Winfrey scheduled for jury duty

CHICAGO (AP)—Some defendants could be in for a jolt when talk show queen Oprah Winfrey shows up for jury duty in Cook County Criminal Court.

Winfrey is scheduled to appear Monday, along with about 300 other prospective jurors, Cook County sheriff's office spokeswoman Sally Daly said Thursday.

Winfrey will not receive special treatment once she's inside the courtroom, but she will be allowed to use an alternate entrance to avoid any problems, Daly said.

"Obviously, due to her popularity and her status, there is the potential—if she would come in the front public way—to cause a commotion, confusion or a possible security issue," Daly said.

A Winfrey spokeswoman confirmed Friday that the talk show host would be in court Monday for jury duty.

If she's not picked for a jury by the end of the day, she will still receive a check from the court for \$17.20, said Allen Klein, jury supervisor.

American talk show host Oprah Winfrey reacts during Italian fashion designer Valentino's fallwinter 2004-2005 fashion show. in Paris, on July 6, 2004.



Kilborn calls it quits at 'Late Late Show'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Craig Kilborn has decided to quit CBS' "Late Late Show" after five seasons, leaving the network to find a new host for the hour that follows "Late Show with David Letterman."

"It was easily the greatest job I've had, and CBS was very generous in their offer to re-sign me," Kilborn told Daily Variety. "But I simply want to try something new. I can now focus on writing and producing different television projects I haven't had time for."

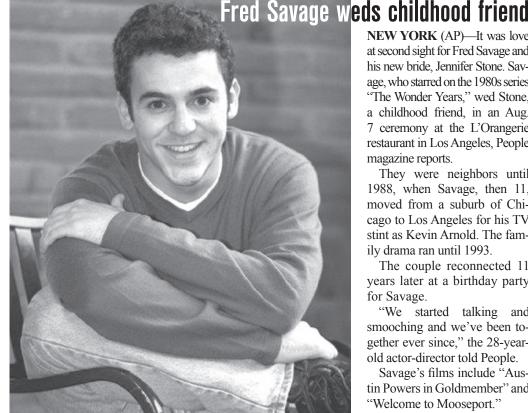
Not one to pass up a gag, Kilborn added: "And this is cool: I will continue to wear makeup in my everyday life."

Kilborn had drawn solid ratings for CBS since he took the time slot over from Tom Snyder. Since 1999, the audience had grown 34 percent to this season's average of 1.7 million viewers.

He likely will wrap up his tenure by within a month, according to a source close to the production, Variety reported Friday. The program is produced by Letterman's company, Worldwide Pants.

CBS, which learned of Kilborn's decision Thursday, had no comment on his replacement, a CBS spokesman said Friday.

There was immediate speculation that Conan O'Brien, whose contract with NBC's "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" has more than a year to run, might be a candidate—if he could eventually could end up with Letterman's job.



Actor Fred Savage, who may forever be recognized as Kevin Arnold, the wide-eyed hero of television's "The Wonder Years," is shown Dec. 5, 1997, in the Encino section of Los Angeles.

NEW YORK (AP)—It was love at second sight for Fred Savage and his new bride, Jennifer Stone. Savage, who starred on the 1980s series "The Wonder Years," wed Stone, a childhood friend, in an Aug. 7 ceremony at the L'Orangerie restaurant in Los Angeles, People magazine reports.

They were neighbors until 1988, when Savage, then 11, moved from a suburb of Chicago to Los Angeles for his TV stint as Kevin Arnold. The family drama ran until 1993.

The couple reconnected 11 years later at a birthday party for Savage.

"We started talking and smoothing and we've been together ever since," the 28-yearold actor-director told People.

Savage's films include "Austin Powers in Goldmember" and "Welcome to Mooseport."

"I had tears, but they were tears of joy," said Stone, 31, who is a commercial real estate agent. "Seeing Fred at the end of the aisle was the best part."

Army husband's infidelity puts marriage to the test

By AVIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I am the wife of an Army soldier who has been deployed to Honduras for six months. In a telephone call a couple of weeks ago, he confessed that he had cheated on me since he left. He said he has cut off all contact with this local woman, yet he continues to go to the bar where they met. He says I should trust him because he's told me about the infidelity, and I should trust that he won't do it again.



But, Abby, how can I trust him when he lied to me all this time? I know he is stressed being away from home, but the stresses of him not being home are equally hard on me and the children.

How do I get over this and start trusting my husband again? CONFUSED ARMY WIFE IN ALASKA

DEAR CONFUSED: If your husband didn't have a conscience, he wouldn't have confessed his indiscretion to you. However, your concerns are valid. Tell your husband that, as proof of his contrition, you want his promise that he will avoid not only that bar, but any other tempting situations that might present themselves while he's away. Once he returns, marriage counseling to heal the breach he has caused would be a giant step in the right direction. With professional help, the two of you can get past this.

DEAR ABBY: As your readers mature, some of them will be among the 9 million older Americans who have some signs of age-related macular degeneration (AMD). Nearly 2 million struggle to read because of it.

AMD is a painless disease. It sometimes develops so slowly that people notice little change in their vision. But AMD blurs the sharp, central vision needed for "straight-ahead" activities, like reading, sewing and driving.

There are two forms of AMD: wet and dry. Wet AMD is the more serious form. It's caused by new blood vessels that grow at the back of the eye and then bleed. Usually the first symptom is when straight lines begin to look wavy. If you have dry AMD, the most common symptom is a slight blurring. You might also have trouble recognizing faces, and you may need brighter light to read or perform other tasks.

The good news is, recent clinical trials show that a combination of high-dose vitamins and minerals can slow AMD and vision loss. Many advances in technology are also providing effective solutions to AMD and other age-related vision problems.

Please encourage readers who suspect they may have AMD or other vision problems, who are over the age of 60, or have diabetes, to consult an eye health-care professional as soon as possible. Thank you for helping to make vision a health priority.

PAUL A. SIEVING, M.D., PH.D., DIRECTOR. NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE

DEAR DR. SIEVING: I'm pleased to spread the word. The subject may not be "sexy," but it's important.

Readers, any change in vision should be immediately reported to your doctor. This includes blurring of vision, "flashing lights" or an increased number of "floaters." Before buying vitamin supplements to maintain your vision, ask your doctor which kind is most helpful.

The federal government's National Eye Institute provides a wealth of information to help people of all ages maintain healthy vision via its Web site: www.nei.nih.gov. A clever feature of this site allows users to increase the text size as needed. Check it out.

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Saints beat Jets; Patriots trounce Eagles



J.T. O'Sullivan made the most of his second NFL appearance, completing 10

of 13 passes for 141 yards as the New Orleans Saints' reserves beat the New York Jets' backups 23-13 Friday night.

O'Sullivan, who played for Division I-AA California-Davis and was the second-highest ranked quarterback in NFL Europe this spring, made his only other NFL appearance in a 2002 preseason game.

Saints quarterback Aaron Brooks was in street clothes on the sideline. He returned to practice this week, but his strained quadriceps was still tender, and team officials did not want to risk further damage. Backup Todd Bouman, who was hobbled by a pulled stomach muscle this week, started.

Bouman struggled, but put the Saints up 7-3 late in the first-quarter with a 6-yard touchdown pass to Jerome Pathon. John Carney stretched New Orleans' lead to 10-6 at halftime with a 36-yard field goal.

Bouman completed 9 of 16 passes for 59 yards, one touchdown, one interception and was sacked once.

The Jets used regular QB Chad Pennington for one series. He ran 10 plays, went 3-for-5 for 20 yards, and got the Jets close enough for a 22-yard field goal by Doug Brien and a 3-0 lead.

Coach Herman Edwards didn't want to risk his starting quarterback more than that. A year ago, he lost Pennington in the third preseason game with a broken left wrist. Pennington returned midway in the season, but the Jets missed the playoffs for the first time in three years.

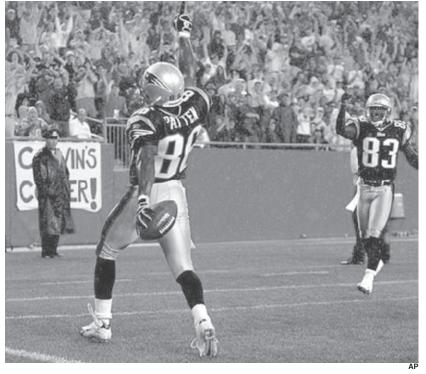
Backup QB Brooks Bollinger had his share of problems. A 29-yard completion to Matt Domininguez that would have set up the Jets at the New Orleans 5 was nullified by a penalty. New York was in an illegal formation a call made against both teams twice.

Bollinger, who was 6-of-11 for 85 yards and was sacked three times, got the Jets in field goal range with a minute left in the first half. Brien hit a 27 yarder.

In the third quarter, working against the Saints' second defense, Bollinger led New York on a 58-yard drive fueled by 38-yard and 14-yard receptions by rookie Jerricho Cotchery. LaMont Jordan ran it the final 3 yards for a 13-10 lead.

Saints running back Deuce McAllister made a cameo appearance in the first two series, carrying the ball twice. Aaron Stecker, who is in a three-way battle with Ki-Jana Carter and Lamar Smith for the backup running back spot, had 11 carries for 42 yards.

Rob Hart put the Saints up 20-13 with a 32-yard field goal in the



New England Patriots wide receiver David Patten (86) celebrates after catching a touchdown pass from quarterback Tom Brady during the first quarter of a preseason game against the Philadelphia Eagles in Foxboro, Mass., Friday.

fourth quarter. His 26-yarder closed out the scoring.

Patriots 24, Eagles 6

In Foxboro, Massachusetts, it was another game, another solid performance for Tom Brady-even if it was just an exhibition.

On a rainy Friday night when controversial stars made their debuts with new teams, Terrell Owens with Philadelphia and Corey Dillon with

New England, the two-time Super Bowl MVP was steady in a 24-6 win over the Eagles.

In his first game since the Patriots' second championship in three years, Brady went 3-for-4 for 31 yards and a touchdown. He left the exhibition opener after two series and 11 plays.

Rohan Davey, recently chosen offensive player of the year in NFL Europe, threw two scoring passes, improving his bid to move up to the No. 2 quarterback spot in his third season with the Patriots.

The Eagles lost the last three NFC championship games and hope Owens, acquired from San Francisco, can get them beyond that.

He caught three passes for 14 yards and fans booed all three times. After each one, he walked calmly back to the huddle, showing none of the flamboyance that followed some catches with the 49ers—once autographing a football on the field after scoring a touchdown.

Bengal-Bucs

Elsewhere, in Tampa, Florida, the Cincinnati Bengals' preseason opener with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers scheduled for Saturday night was postponed because of Hurricane Charley. The game may be rescheduled for Monday.



(AP)— Woody Williams won his sixth straight deci-

sion, Albert Pujols and Larry Walker homered, and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Atlanta Braves 4-1 Friday night in the series opener between division leaders.

Williams (9-6) allowed only three hits and one run in seven innings as St. Louis stretched its NL Central lead over the Chicago Cubs to 13 1/2 games. He has six wins and five nodecisions since his last loss June 8 at Chicago against the Cubs.

Williams allowed just one baserunner to advance past second base—Chipper Jones' leadoff homer in the seventh inning—and walked just two batters.

Julian Tavarez retired the Braves in order in the eighth, and Jason Isringhausen threw a perfect ninth for his 32nd save in 37 chances.

Giants 16, Phillies 6

In Philadelphia, J.T. Snow homered three times, scored a career-best five runs and knocked in four, and Barry Bonds hit career homer No. 689, leading San Francisco to rout of Philadelphia.

It was Snow's first career three-homer game. He hit a two-run shot off Brett Myers (7-9) in the first inning, a solo shot in the fifth and another solo homer in the seventh—both off Amaury Telemaco—giving him nine home runs this season. Snow also walked twice.

Bonds went 2-for-2, scored three runs, had two RBIs and was walked three times, twice intentionally. The two intentional walks gave him a major-league high 86 on the season. It helped the Giants break their two-year old major-league record of intentional walks in a season with 104.

Dodgers 8, Cubs 1

In Chicago, Odalis Perez outpitched

Greg Maddux before Steve Finley helped the streaking Dodgers pull away at the end to beat the Cubs.

Leading 2-1, the Dodgers scored six times in the ninth inning, taking advantage of Chicago's wilting bullpen and the Cubs' wobbly defense. The NL West leaders won for the 28th time in 37 games.

Rockies 9, Pirates 3

In Pittsburgh, Luis Gonzalez, a late addition to Colorado's starting lineup, hit a three-run homer and Jeff Fassero pitched seven strong innings to lead the Rockies over the Pirates.

Vinny Castilla and Preston Wilson also homered for the Rockies, have won 13 of 17 on the road and are just one shy of last year's victory total of 25 away from Coors Field.

Mets 10, Diamondbacks 6

In New York, rookie Danny Garcia hit a three-run homer, and Richard Hidalgo and Mike Cameron also connected, leading the Mets to a victory over Arizona.

It was the eighth straight loss for the Diamondbacks and their 82nd this season, guaranteeing the team that won the World Series in 2001 a sub-.500 season.

Padres 14, Reds 5

In Cincinnati, Khalil Greene had his first two-homer game, and Brian Giles and Ryan Klesko each connected in a five-run first inning to help San Diego beat the Reds.

Greene, a rookie, also set career highs with four hits and four RBIs and scored four times as the Padres set a season high for runs.

Every San Diego starter except Sean Burroughs had at least one hit after two innings, including Padres starter

David Wells, who was 3-for-34 (.088) before singling up the middle in the first inning.

Brewers 6, Marlins 4

In Milwaukee, Wes Obermueller gave up two hits in seven shutout innings in an emergency start for Milwaukee, earning his first win in almost 11 weeks with a victory over Florida.

Russell Branyan and Lyle Overbay each hit two-run homers for the Brewers, who won for just the third time in 10 games.

Obermueller (4-6) took the place of Chris Capuano, who was scratched just before the game with a sore left forearm.

Expos 6, Astros 5, 12 innings

In Montreal, Alex Gonzalez hit a tying homer in the 12th inning and Terrmel Sledge singled in the winning run, giving the Expos a come-from-behind victory over Houston.

Morgan Ensberg hit a leadoff homer on the first pitch from Claudio Vargas (5-4) to put Houston up 5-4 in the top of the 12th.

Down to their last out, the Exposi Gonzalez homered over the center-field wall on a 2-0 pitch from Chad Harville (0-2), who also blew a save opportunity against Montreal on Saturday.

Indians 8, Twins 2

In Cleveland, Ben Broussard homered for the second straight night and the Cleveland Indians pulled within two games of the first-place Minnesota Twins with an 8-2 win Friday night.

The Indians have won five straight and nine of 10, gaining six games on the Twins in nine days. Minnesota has lost seven of nine.

Scott Elarton (2-2) had his finest start of the season and Cleveland roughed up Minnesota early in the first of 13 games remaining between the two clubs. He went seven innings, allowing two runs on seven hits and a walk with four strikeouts.

Orioles 4, Blue Jays 0

In Toronto, Sidney Ponson and three relievers combined on a five-hitter, leading Baltimore past Toronto, the Orioles' 10th win in 11 games.

Ponson (8-12) is 5-0 in his last six starts after losing nine straight. He allowed five hits, while striking out six and walking one in six-plus innings. B.J. Ryan entered in the seventh and escaped a jam as Carlos Delgado flew out and Frank Menechino and Eric Hinske struck out.

Rangers 5, Devil Rays 3

In Arlington, Texas, Laynce Nix and Alfonso Soriano each homered, and Kenny Rogers earned his 14th victory for Texas, which dealt Tampa Bay its 13th loss in 14 road games.

Nix, who was just 3-for-21 in his last seven games, hit a two-run homer in the second inning off Rob Bell. Soriano added a solo shot in the fifth.

Rogers (14-5) allowed three runs and seven hits in 5 2-3 innings for the Rangers, who had lost six of their past seven games.

White Sox 8, Red Sox 7

In Boston, Aaron Rowand hit two home runs, the second a tiebreaking shot in the seventh inning, to lead the Chicago past Boston.

Roward had his first career twohomer game, and his four RBIs tied a career high. Jose Contreras (10-5) earned his first career victory against the Red Sox since being acquired from the New York Yankees.

Manny Ramirez and Kevin Millar homered for Boston, which had its three-game winning streak ended.

Royals 10, Athletics 3

In Oakland, California, Abraham Nunez hit a grand slam for his first home run of the season, spoiling Mark Mulder's bid to become the majors' first 16-game winner.

Nunez connected on full-count with two outs in the sixth to break a scoreless tie. It was only his second career homer and his first grand slam. The four RBIs also were a career best.

Jonathan Buck, another rookie, also hit a grand slam for the Royals, the first of his career and the first time in club history the team had two in a game—which ties a major league record. It marked the second time the A's have allowed two grand slams in a game and the first since 1986 against California.

Yankees 11, Mariners 3

In Seattle, Ruben Sierra hit a grand slam and drove in five runs, and Jon Lieber pitched eight strong innings. Bernie Williams added a three-run homer and Jorge Posada hit a solo shot for the Yankees, who lead the majors with 178 homers.

Despite playing without All-Star third baseman Alex Rodriguez, who missed his first game of the season with the flu, the Yankees routed the last-place Mariners and improved to a season-high 33 games over .500 at

Tigers 5, Angels 3

In Anaheim, California, Craig Monroe drove in the go-ahead run with an RBI single in the ninth, leading Detroit over the Angels.

Brandon Inge broke out of a long slump by going 4-for-4 with three RBIs in the Tigers' first win at Anaheim in 12 games.

Esteban Yan (2-3) allowed two runs and four hits in two innings, but picked up the victory.

McPeak, Youngs thrive in Athens' shadows

By CHRIS DUNCAN AP SPORTS WRITER



ATHENS, Greece (AP)— American beach volleyball duo Holly McPeak and Elaine Youngs were practicing

for a tournament on the New Jersey coast last month when McPeak spotted rivals Misty May and Kerri Walsh posing for a magazine photographer.

"You see that?" McPeak yelled across the net to her partner.

Youngs looked over her shoulder and shrugged. "Yeah, I didn't get that phone call," she said, drawing a wry smile from McPeak.

While May and Walsh, the world's top-ranked team, have basked in much of the pre-Olympic hype, McPeak and Youngs have thrived out of the spotlight, winning six tournaments since late May.

The two open pool play Saturday against Norway's Kathrine Maaseide and Susanne Glesnes.

If not for May and Walsh's record-setting 90-match, 15-tournament winning streak between July 2003 and June, McPeak and Youngs would be the American tandem getting all the publicity.

McPeak is the winningest female player in history and will become the only woman to play in all three Olympic beach volleyball tournaments. She and Youngs have more tournament wins (102) than any other team in the Olympic field - although some have come with different partners.

McPeak is used to getting overlooked. In 1996, after she and Nancy Reno finished fifth in Atlanta, she heard someone say that the United States needed to develop younger players. McPeak was 27 at the time.

"People have been blowing me off for so long, like 'Oh, you can't win. You're not going to make it.' Hey, you know, whatever," said McPeak, now 35.

In their third season together, McPeak and Youngs have finished no worse than fourth in their last 13 events.



United States beach volleyball team captain Holly McPeak practices Friday, Aug. 13, 2004 for the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece.

The highlight of the summer so far - came at the domestic tour stop in Manhattan Beach, Calif., a few blocks from where

McPeak lives. May and Walsh lost in the semifinals, and Mc-Peak and Youngs beat 2000 Olympians Annett Davis and championship. It was McPeak's 68th title, sending her past Karolyn Kirby on the all-time victories list for women. McPeak celebrated with a

Jenny Johnson Jordan for the

bottle of Dom Perignon that had been chilling in the refrigerator for weeks. Another bottle is waiting if she and Youngs win in Athens.

"We're always ready for special occasions," McPeak said.

But if anyone knows how fast fortunes can change in this sport, it's McPeak, whose partners suffered injuries before both of her previous Olympics. In 1996, Reno tore a rotator cuff and in 2000, May tore an abdominal muscle just five weeks before the tournament. McPeak finished fifth both times.

"I tried to do everything I could to make it work," she said. "It was just unfortunate timing."

Youngs had her own Olympic frustrations as a member of the U.S. indoor team in 1996. The squad finished seventh, prompting Youngs to head to the beach.

"I was tired of being in a situation where you are told what to do every minute of every day," Youngs said. "And if we won or lost, I wanted to know that I was at least 50 percent the reason rather than one of 12 players on the court. I always wanted to be an individual athlete, and this is the closest I could come."

Youngs is 34, which makes her and McPeak the oldest team in the Olympic field. Both say they're playing as well as they have their entire careers.

"When we became partners, it was perfect timing for both of us," Youngs said. "We're a really good match. Right now, I can't imagine playing with anybody else."

Stakes abound in final two rounds of PGA

HAVEN, WIS. (AP)—Vijay Singh is trying to win his first major in four years. Justin Leonard needs to capture the Wanamaker Trophy to have a shot at the U.S. Ryder Cup team.

Ernie Els has a chance to replace Tiger Woods as the No. 1 ranked player in the world.

The stakes heading into the final two rounds of the PGA Championship—"Glory's Last Shot"—are plenty high.

Singh, a four-time winner this season and the Tour's leading money winner, shares the lead with Leonard heading into Saturday's third round at Whistling Straits.

Singh shot 68 on Friday, Leonard a 69. Both are at 9-under 135 after two rounds of the PGA Championship.

Els, the runner-up at The Masters and British Open, is a shot back after a second-round 70 on Friday. Also at 136 are Darren Clarke (71) and Briny Baird (69), an undercard pro who's never won a Tour event.

Chris DeMarco (70) was three shots back at 138 and Masters champ Phil Mickelson was still in contention at 141 after rounds of 69-72. Mickel-

DENVER (AP)—The judge

in the Kobe Bryant sexual as-

sault case denied prosecutors'

request for an indefinite delay

in the trial late Friday, saying

there was no justification for a

But in two other rulings, the

judge sided with prosecutors

- limiting or prohibiting poten-

tially damaging testimony about

the accuser's mental health, pur-

ported suicide attempts and use

postponement.



Vijay Singh, off Fiji, smiles on the 18th green as he finishes the second round of the PGA Championship at Whistling Straits in Haven, Wis., on Friday.

son had it to 6 under early in the second round before finding the water on the par-5 fifth hole that led to a double bogey.

Singh is 0-for-18 in major tournaments since he won The Masters in 2000, but with renewed confidence in his putter and the

Legal analysts said those de-

cisions were of limited help to

prosecutors because the judge

ruled earlier that the defense can

introduce evidence about the

woman's alleged sexual activity

around the time of her encoun-

ter with Bryant. Prosecutors

have appealed that ruling to the

"Keeping out her drug or alco-

hol or psychiatric records doesn't

Colorado Supreme Court.

of any drugs or alcohol.

Kobe Bryant prosecutors denied trial delay

week, he's confident that streak could end this weekend.

"I've been in position to win majors, but I haven't finished the job," he said. "Not winning since 2000, I'm obviously disappointed but there's always the next one and this is another opportunity."

A win on Sunday will give Leonard a chance to play in the Ryder Cup matches next month in Michigan. But he also has some old scores to settle, having finished second in 1997 and fourth two years ago. Both times he had the lead going into the final round. In 2002, he shot a final round 77.

"I tend to learn more in failure than I do success," he said. "However, I don't know how much I learned after that round (77) a couple of years ago."

Even Tiger Woods still has a stake in this thing, although he may have already cashed in on a consolation prize by simply making the cut. He did it with the muscle and drama that have marked so many of his wins.

Faced with the prospect of not playing on the weekend in a major for the first time in his pro career, Woods shot a 3-under 69, way he's been hitting the ball this gutting out back-to-back birdies

give you another good fact; all it

does is say there's some bad facts

that aren't going to come in," said

Larry Pozner, former president

of the National Association of

defense to win it, but it's not

"It would have helped the

The rulings came amid

intense speculation about

whether prosecutors intended

to drop the case after a series

Criminal Defense Lawyers.

critical."

at the 565-yard, par-5 16th and 223-yard, par-3 17th.

That left him at even par for the tournament and nine shots back of Singh and Leonard. That's probably too great of a deficit for Woods to erase and halt his 0-for-9 slump in the majors.

But at least he extended his streak of cuts made to 129 tournaments. He can still remain the No. 1 ranked player, but if Els wins this title, Woods would have to finish second.

Woods, who played in a threesome with Singh and John Daly, said he figured the cut would be around 1-over par. With three holes left he was 2 over.

"I was thinking about it a little bit because I wasn't playing well," Woods said. "If I was playing well, it would be no big deal.'

Big is how he finished his round. At No. 16, he pounded a massive drive in the fairway—one of his few drives that found the short grass—and then reached the green from more than 200 yards out with a 6-iron. He twoputted for birdie, then sank a 25foot putt on 17, the ball breaking sharply left before finding the side of the cup.

of setbacks that prompted

them to seek a delay in the

trial, scheduled to begin with

a transcript of a closed-door hear-

ing-which prosecutors called

"extremely harmful"—in which

defense witness Elizabeth John-

son explained why she believed

the woman had sex with another

man within 15 hours after her

encounter with Bryant.

Among them was the release of

jury selection on Aug. 27.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

| W | L | Pct | GB |
|----|----------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 74 | 41 | .643 | _ |
| 63 | 51 | .553 | 10 1-2 |
| 56 | 58 | .491 | 17 1-2 |
| 54 | 62 | .466 | 20 1-2 |
| 48 | 68 | .414 | 26 1-2 |
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Central Division

| Minnesota | 63 | 52 | .548 | _ | |
|-------------|------|----|------|----|---|
| Cleveland | 62 | 55 | .530 | 2 | |
| Chicago | 58 | 55 | .513 | 4 | |
| Detroit | 54 | 61 | .470 | 9 | |
| Kansas City | / 41 | 73 | .360 | 21 | 1 |
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|-----------|-------|----|------|-------|
| Oakland | 64 | 51 | .557 | _ |
| Texas | 62 | 52 | .544 | 1 1-2 |
| Anaheim | 63 | 53 | .543 | 1 1-2 |
| Seattle | 43 | 72 | .374 | 21 |
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Yesterday's Games

Baltimore 4, Toronto 0 Chicago White Sox 8, Boston 7 Cleveland 8, Minnesota 2 Texas 5. Tampa Bav 3 N.Y. Yankees 11, Seattle 3 Detroit 5. Anaheim 3 Kansas City 10, Oakland 3

NATIONAL LEAGUE

| East Divisi | OH | | | |
|--------------|----|----|------|----|
| Atlanta | 65 | 49 | .570 | _ |
| Philadelphia | 59 | 57 | .509 | 7 |
| Florida | 56 | 58 | .491 | 9 |
| New York | 55 | 59 | .482 | 10 |
| Montreal | 48 | 66 | .421 | 17 |

Central Division

| St. Louis | 75 | 39 | .658 | _ |
|------------|----|----|------|-------|
| Chicago | 62 | 53 | .539 | 13 1- |
| Houston | 56 | 59 | .487 | 19 1- |
| Cincinnati | 55 | 60 | .478 | 20 1- |
| Milwaukee | 54 | 60 | .474 | 21 |
| Pittsburgh | 53 | 60 | .469 | 21 1- |
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West Division

| Los Angeles | 68 | 46 | .596 | _ |
|---------------|----|----|------|-------|
| San Diego | 62 | 53 | .539 | 6 1-2 |
| San Francisco | 62 | 55 | .530 | 7 1-2 |
| Colorado | 53 | 63 | .457 | 16 |
| Arizona | 35 | 82 | .299 | 34 1- |

Yesterday's Games

Los Angeles 8. Chicago Cubs 1 Montreal 6. Houston 5. 12 innings Colorado 9 Pittsburgh 3 San Francisco 16, Philadelphia 6 N.Y. Mets 10. Arizona 6 San Diego 14. Cincinnati 5 St. Louis 4. Atlanta 1 Milwaukee 6. Florida 4

SPORTS TRANSACTIONS

MLB

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL-Suspended Houston manager Phil Garner for one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for inappropriate actions directed at umpire Brian Knight during a game on Aug. 7.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES-Announced C Ken Huckaby cleared waivers and was sent outright to Ottawa of the IL. KANSAS CITY ROYALS-Claimed RHP

Matt Kinney off waivers from Milwaukee. Designated C Mike Tonis for assignment.

CHICAGO CUBS-Acquired LHP Eric Eckenstahler from the Detroit Tigers to complete an earlier trade. Agreed to terms with RHP Grant Johnson. Announced RHP LaTroy Hawkins' appeal of his three-game suspension was rejected, but his fine was reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,000.

NEW YORK METS-Placed INF Jose Reyes on the 15-day DL

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS-Released SS Neifi Perez. Recalled RHP Kevin Correia from Fresno of the PCL.

DETROIT PISTONS-Re-signed G Lindsey Hunter LOS ANAGLES LAKERS-Acquired F

Jumaine Jones from Boston instead of G Marcus Banks and a second-round draft pick to amend an Aug. 6 trade

HOUSTON TEXANS-Signed DE Bryce Wyatt. Waived DT Ifo Pili. PITTSBURGH STEELERS-Placed QB

Charlie Batch on the injured reserve list. Signed QB Kurt Kittner.

COLLEGE

BIG TEN CONFERENCE-Promoted Scott Chipman to director of communications and Teri Lenth to director of corporate sponsorships.

NCAA DIVISION III-Granted Transylvania full membership, beginning w 2004-05 school year. BUCKNELL-Named Stephen Monge

men's and women's assistant tennis coach CITADEL-Named Terry Parks men's as-

sistant basketball coach KEENE STATE-Named Rob Colbert

interim athletic director. NEWBERRY-Named Leto Alibaruho men's assistant soccer coach.

NORTH CAROLINA-Reassigned strength coach C.J. Hunter within the athletics department.

TROY-Named Ricky Hazel director of media relations, Josh Steltenpohl director of promotions and event management, and promoted Scott Farmer, Sandy Atkins and Roger Schultz to as-

sociate athletic directors. XAVIER-Announced the addition of

men's and women's track.

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SAIPAN TRIBUNE SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2004 **27**

The Week in Sports





Robin Eugenio surges to the finish line just ahead of youngster Lia Rangamar in the Medley Relay.

Tony Ichiuo hands the baton to Ketson Kabiriel in the National Track and Field Championships' Medley

All Stars off to Series highlights week

Roy Pangelinan and Kanani Ashraf, right, exchange high-fives with Lope Padilla and Cleofe Santos after their Mixed Doubles match earlier in the week. Pangelinan and Ashraf won 4-6, 6-0, 6-4



RP Construction attempts

a lay-up in the paint against

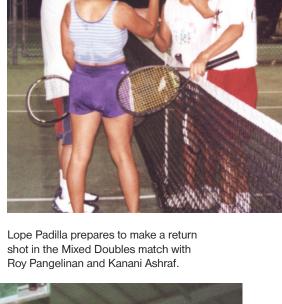
MDX Radio Group during last

weekend's UFO-San Miguel

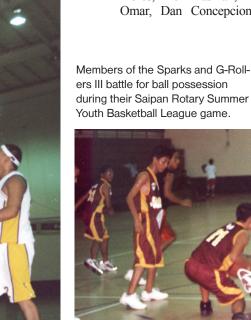
Cup action at the Gilbert C.

Ada Gymnasium.





Members of the Sparks and G-Rollers III battle for ball possession



he best youth hard-Saures, Zachary Concepcion, ballers in the CNMI

Photos and text by SHAN SEMAN and BRAD RUSZALA

boarded a plane des-

tined for the main-

land Thursday morning to put

the islands on the map in the

Junior and the Senior Little

For the fourth straight year, the

Junior League World Series will

feature a squad from the CNMI

as Jesse Borja, Shane Yamada,

Jesus Iguel, Vince Sablan, Mar-

tin Pangelinan, Josh Arriola, Joe

Salas, Thorn Sablan, Ryan Ada,

Jonathan Salas, Kevin Babauta,

Nicolas San Nicolas, Nunu Kap-

ileo, and Juan Tenorio set off to

represent not only the Com-

monwealth but the entire Pacific

Oliver Secharmidal, Antione

Allen, Tony Palacios, Franco

Flores, Ben Tasikan, Tyrone

Omar, Dan Concepcion, Jeff

region in Taylor, Michigan.

League World Series.

Derrick Babauta, Jesse Garcia, Thomas Guerrero, Many Ada, Peter Tenorio, and their manager Jess Wabol represents the Pacific in the Senior League segment in Bangor, Maine and will compete with Canada and

Also, because of better cooperation by Mother Nature, the American Memorial Park tennis courts were full of action as the 2004 Verizon Tennis Cup continued to heat up.

regions of the United States.

Spectators were able to feast their eyes on intense competition in both the Mixed Doubles and Singles.

The 2004 National Track and Field Championships also drew heat in its action, with veteran sprinter Tony Ichiuo and youngster Jiovannie Sablan dominating the sprint events. Also mak-

ing splashes were throwers Mel Tagabuel, Micronesian Game record holder Dolores Rangamar, distance runners Robin Eugenio and Jung Young Kim, and determined runners Vince Riley and Earl Warren.

Action in the Saipan Rotary Summer Youth Basketball League also continued with Makos bouncing back from their first loss to beat the Junior Nationals on Monday, while the Sixers I defeated the 69ers II by well over 100 points. The 69ers I also posted a lopsided victory over the Sixers II, and as a result, ranked among the top three teams in the league. The G-Rollers I currently top the standings with the perfect 5-0 card, while the Sixers I and 69ers I are right on their tail with perfect records of their own.

The 2004 UFO-San Miguel Cup also intensified with three games over the past weekend.



Jhun Alipio of Cabalen attempts a jumper between two defenders.



Saints beat Jets; Patriots trounce Eagles

J.T. O'Sullivan made the most of his second NFL appearance, completing 10 of 13 passes for 141 yards as the New Orleans Saints' reserves beat the New York Jets' backups 23-13 Friday night.

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All Stars off to Series highlights week

The best youth hard-ballers in the CNMI boarded a plane destined for the mainland Thursday morning, to put the islands on the map in the Junior and the Senior Little League World Series.

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Champions crowned in Verizon Cup

By SHAN SEMAN

REPORTER

he 2004 Verizon Tennis Cup, hosted by Saipan Tennis Association, is coming to an end with champions being crowned left and right.

Four champions stood out from the rest last Friday after topping their respective divisions at the American Memorial Park tennis courts.

Taking the spotlight again was top seed Faheem Ebrahim, who outclassed second seed Tim Quan in the Men's Singles 5.0 finale.

Ebrahim was dominant from the start and set the tone of things to come by jumping out to an early lead. He wounded up controlling the entire set and quickly handed Quan a one-set deficit with a 6-1 win.

Quan, however, was not ready to just give in without a fight and began to put up a stronger resistance in the second set, but Ebrahim's tactics were just too much to handle. Ebrahim went on to secure the championship with a 6-4 win.

For their part, the dynamic duo of Roy Pangelinan and young gun Kanani Ashraf completed their successful run in the Mixed Doubles 5.0 with a hard-earned victory over Nelia Luna and Peter Loyola.

Pangelinan and Ashraf got off on the right foot and were cruising in the first set en route to a 6-2 win. They, however, had a tougher draw in the second set as Luna and Loyola remained poised and showed they deserve a shot at the crown by fighting back and shifting momentum to their corner.

Luna and Loyola were finally locating their shots where they wanted them to be and took advantage of several unforced errors to force a third and decisive set with a 6-3 win.



Mixed Doubles 3.0 champions Marlon Estigoy and Ligaya Paculanang, left, pose with second place finishers Agnes Salazar and Babu Malayil after their championship match last Friday.





Top seed Faheem Ebrahim, right, gives some pointers to second seed Tim Quan after their Men's Singles 5.0 finale. Ebrahim won 6-1, 6-4.

Nelia Luna and Peter Loyola prep for their Mixed Doubles championship match against Roy Pangelinan and Kanani Ashraf. Determined not to fall short of their goal, Pangelinan and Ashraf regrouped and unleashed a furious charge that was unmatched to take the coveted crown, 6-2.

Ashraf also found success in the

Mixed Doubles 4.0 as she and father Dr. Mohammad Ashraf sizzled for a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Cleofe Santos and Ronnie Lacbayo.

Also crowned on top of their class were Ligaya Paculanang and Marlon Estigoy, who, like Pangelinan and Ashraf, were taken to the limit but still finished on top, defeating Agnes Salazar and Babu Malayil in the Mixed Doubles 3.0.

Paculanang and Estigoy simply ran all over their opponents in the opening set, powering their way to a lopsided 6-0 win.

Their impressive run would end there as Salazar and Malayil countered with a strong surge in the second set. The combo would rise to the occasion and level the match with a 6-2 win.

The tandem of Paculanang and Estigoy, however, would prove to be the better of the two for the day as they pulled off just enough tricks from their bag to close the tourney as champions, 6-1.

Roy Pangelinan, left, and Kanani Ashraf outplayed everyone in the Mixed Doubles 5.0 category en route to claiming the championship.

Other action from Friday included Mike Roberts slipping past Ed Casing in the Men's Singles 3.0 semifinals, earning a right to face Malayil in the championship bout, which was scheduled to take place yesterday.

Roberts' win came in dramatic fashion as he bounced back from a 1-6 first set loss and fought hard in the second set for a nail-biting 7-6 (8-6) win.

He continued to work relentlessly and staved off a respectable fight from Casing to earn his finale ticket, 7-5.